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CATEGORY 1 PHOTO FOR JUNE

"RALPH'S OLD FRAT HOUSE AT K-STATE"

by Bill McGannon

Membership
Meeting

Tuesday
June 11
7:30 PM

Spring Creek BBQ
1509 Airport Freeway
Bedford, TX
817-545-0184

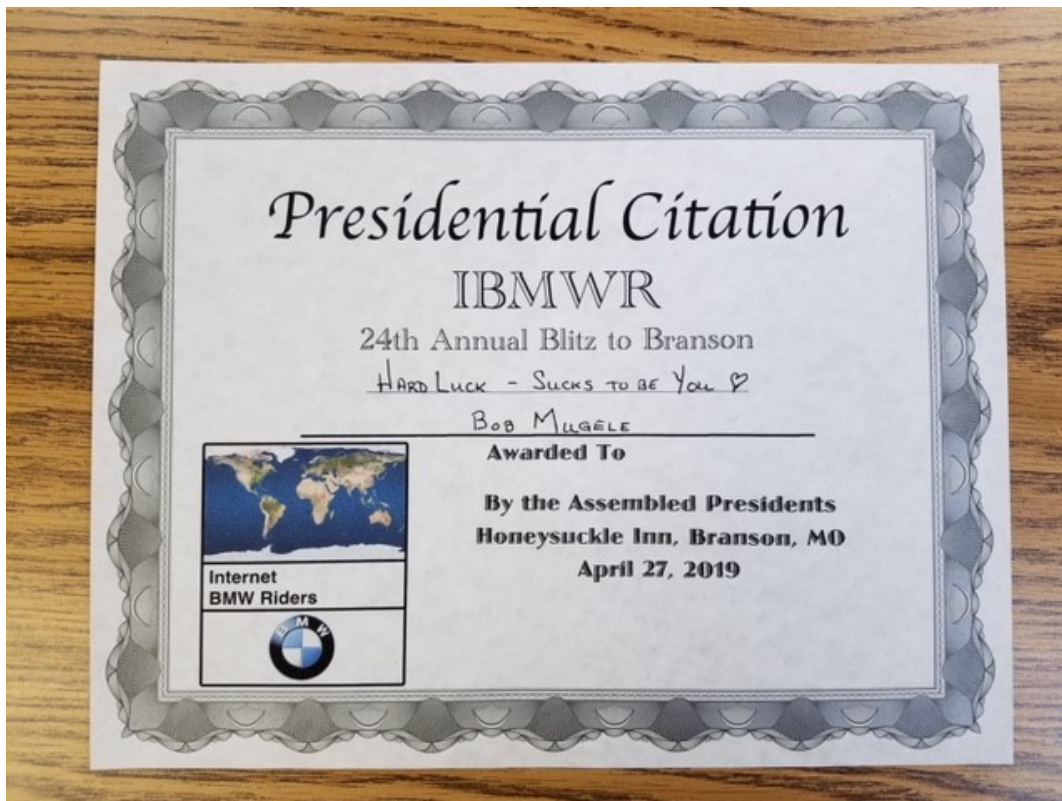
At Forest Ridge & Airport
Freeway (Hwy 121)

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Points of Interest this Issue

- *Photos OTM* - Category 1 (front cover) and Category 2 (sans m/c - Sometimes) elsewhere within.
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- *Stephen Slisz - True North - California & the Quail*
- *Bill Luce* - There and Back Again— AZ & NM
- *Club Events* - Vince mesmerizes us with all our options

Bob Mugele "it sucks to be you"



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HOW IT ALL HAPPENED - As related to the IBMWR assembly in Branson

"I rolled the motorcycle out this morning, ready to start my ride to Ozarks. I put it on my driveway (with a slight incline) kickstand down.

So the Moto rolled off the stand and fell on its port side. I *always* park it in 1st gear...But this time ... I had put it in neutral to rotate the rear wheel to check the air pressure and never put it back in first.

I called "Crunch" who was 2 miles away, waiting to join me for the trip. He came over, we righted the moto and rode off to gas up.

Seven miles down I-20, I felt something hit my right leg. Wondering what it was, I patted all my pockets. Wallet, it's there. Phone ... oh no... My phone case also contained my Driver's License, Credit Card, and Concealed Carry license. We retraced our route all the way to Crunch's home and tried "Find-my-Phone" on his computer. Nothing... probably ground into a pile of atoms by an eighteen-wheeler

I think now that I must have placed my Phone on the bike seat at the gas station and neglected to put it back in the appropriate pocket.

So, Credit Card cancelled and phone insurance activated, I sat at the DMV office in south Dallas along with 739 of my closest friends, all waiting to replace their driver's licenses.

Old people, what do you do with them? Sigh... Like many of our other members, recognized for significant events in their lives.....After telling his tale, Bob was recently awarded a **Presidential Certificate** from the **IBMWR** at the **Branson Blitz** by his peers. It's my understanding that every member in attendance at the Blitz has to agree the recipient of the award.

Bob's response, when he learned he received the prestigious "Sucks to Be You" Award, responded **"Finally, some recognition."**

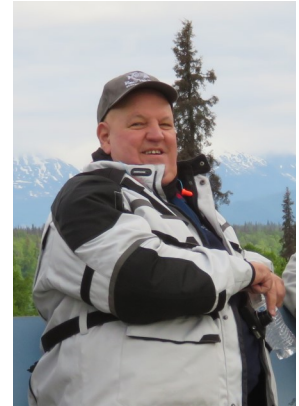
Contributed by-

Vince Breckner & Jay Schillinger

True North

I have never ridden a motorcycle in California. Never ridden the Pacific Coast Highway or across the Golden Gate Bridge. I've never seen Death Valley or the Mojave Dessert. I've dabbled all around California, pecking around Nevada and Arizona and have attended a couple of motorcycle rallies in Oregon, Idaho, and Washington, but never took the time to run one of those rides through the motorcycle Mecca that is the State of California. To many, the luscious roads of California are why we ride.

Why we ride? A question we have often asked ourselves and probably more often had others ask the same of us. Why we ride.



Steve "Yeeha" Slisz

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With a quick change in punctuation it becomes a deep philosophical discussion instead of generating plain and simple answers to a question. It's the freedom, excitement, feel and smells of the outdoors, or maybe the economic value of the motorcycle that fill our answers. And there have been several films produced that attempted to portray to the general public the irresistible urge to climb aboard our two-wheeled contraptions. One of the latest of such films was the 2013 motorcycle documentary "Why We Ride."

Back in November of 2013 the BMWDFW club took up a couple of rows of theater seats to see a special engagement of the film, "Why We Ride," some even took our non-riding SO's in hopes to share the passion. Writer, Producer, Director and 2014 American Motorcyclist Association Motorcyclist of the Year, **Bryan Carroll** made the documentary "**Why We Ride**" to share the passion and camaraderie of motorcycling friends and families that ride together. The film was independently financed with no corporate money allowed so Bryan could insure the motorcycling integrity of the film and it won several Best Documentary awards, a Family Choice award and multiple motorcycle film awards. Producer Bryan Carroll, banking on the popularity of the film came up with another idea to add to the list of reason as to Why We Ride. Benefiting a charity dear to his heart, the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation, Bryan started a fundraising effort and motorcycle ride - **The Ride to the Quail Motorcycle Gathering**.



The Quail Motorcycling Gathering is a motorcycle show, motorcycle rally, and Concours d'Elegance, all hosted on the stunning green grasses of Quail Lodge & Golf Club in Carmel, California. The Quail promises activities for casual observers as well as die-hard motorcycle fans. With more than 300 motorcycles on display and 3,000 guests in attendance the Quail Motorcycle Gathering truly has something for everyone! Entry is inclusive of a mouthwatering gourmet lunch, parking, and gear valet service for those riding a motorcycle to the event. Celebrating its eleventh anniversary on May 4, 2019. The celebration featured three specialty classes: marking 50 years since its first production date and the first production "Superbike" motorcycle, the Honda CB750; the 100th anniversary of the legendary Brough Superior; and historic pre-1990 off-road motorcycles. Motorcycles of all makes were

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welcome, and manufacturers sent along some interesting bikes as well, sometimes showcasing vintage examples right alongside their modern counterparts.

This year's Quail coincided with the annual International Female Ride Day. Organizers added that feature to the day with onstage interviews of female riders. Now being an annual tradition at the Gathering, Female riders were invited onstage for a photo op and it looked like about 50 of them made it up on stage, to cheers from the crowd.

The highlight of the day, though, had to be the presentation of the AMA's Dud Perkins Lifetime Achievement Award to moto great Malcolm Smith. Malcolm remained nearby signing autographs, many on helmets and jackets and even a few motorcycles.

The Quail Motorcycle Gathering is what Pebble Beach was like for cars 50 years ago. There are no ticket scalpers, no impossible parking and impassible traffic. You can roll right up to the gate and park. "There are a lot of car guys who are secretly motorcycle guys," Quail organizer and Gordon McCall said. "And I will add that the motorcycle guys are almost never arrogant or hoity-toity about their enthusiasm or their motorcycles unlike the car people you may run into that at Pebble or Chantilly or Villa d'Este. Motorcycle guys are almost always good guys, unpretentious, happy to talk to you about whatever bike they rode."



I purchased a copy of the Why We Ride documentary soon after it was released on DVD and was sent a package that included a Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation t-shirt along with my DVD. About 5 years ago I received an invitation to the Why We Ride to the Quail Gathering. Bryan Carroll put together a 3-day ride taking the windy roads from the Simi Valley area north of Los Angeles up through the Los Padres National Forest, back down to the Pacific Coast, overnighting in **Pismo Beach**. The following day the route takes **Hwy 101** and the Pacific Coast Highway and back up into the hills over the **Monterey Peninsula** and on to **Carmel**. The third day is spent at "The Quail: A Motorsport Gathering of Motorcycles".

I have wanted to attend the Quail ever since I read about it more than 10 years ago. And then 5 years ago when I received the Why We Ride invitation, the urge to knock California off my Bucket List grew stronger than ever. The main problem with my California/Quail bucket list run was that the Quail date always conflicted with a traditional family event we have in Houston. The proverbial straw-that-broke-the-camel's back was an additional invitation to the Quail for 2019. 100 people were invited to An Evening with **Peter Egan**, the former editor of both **Cycle World** and **Road & Track** magazines. The event was to be a gourmet dinner followed by a sit-down session with Peter Egan which was to include a ques-

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tion-and-answer session from the audience. I had to go. And so glad I did. I was seated at a prominent table with 2 of the motorcycle show entry winners and I was also chosen from the audience to ask Peter a Question. My question: "Peter, did you ever get that Ah-ha moment when you realized that people love your stories and articles and that your writing was favored more than the average Joe writing about 'Where I rode on Summer Vacation'?" Peter said that "Though he's always appreciated the accolades he's received, he's really just written because he needed a job and writing was easier than hanging siding or rain gutters." Which is what he was doing right before he got the Cycle World magazine gig.

Assembling my gear for the trip, best laid plans immediately went a little awry when my BMW 1200RT started leaking oil just before I was to take to the highway for California. Repairs were taking longer than I had hoped, so I put my 1200RS on the trailer and drove to Palmdale California. I spent 2 days driving to Flagstaff Arizona, where I took an extra day to ride down to Sedona and back, 1 day driving to Palmdale where I dumped my truck and trailer and then 3 days on the Why We Ride to the Quail. After the Quail, I rode back to the Palmdale area and spent 2 days riding the hills above Los Angeles. The main road on the list was Angeles Crest Highway. I rode it late on a Sunday afternoon and luckily for me there was hardly any traffic. You could easily burn a week riding the Angeles Crest Highway and the side roads that peel away from it. I spent an extra day riding

up to Big Bear Lake and the Rim of the World Highway making me late on my schedule for the home run. I attempted to drive straight back from Palmdale and made it to Tucumcari New Mexico when I ran into the backside of an active Tornado-Warning on I-40 between Tucumcari and Amarillo. A cheap \$45 overnigher in Tucumcari made me fresh for the final leg home with a head full of fresh daydreams of California. I now see why many are so enamored that State. I got such a small taste and what a great taste it was. And you know the rest of California is still in my Bucket.

Ride 'Em Don't Hide 'Em



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CATEGORY 2 - PHOTO FOR JUNE



A BRIDGE OF MADISON COUNTY?

by Joel Watson

THERE & BACK AGAIN

On May 2, Mike Welch & I (both BMWDFW members) made a foray into New Mexico and Arizona along with Dave Calligan (former member) and Jon Davis. Mike, Jon & I rode from DFW area to Muleshoe TX, where we met Dave who had traveled from his home in south central CO. Not much to see or any good twisty roads getting there, although we did have about 1/2 hours of rain and 1/2 day of mist. Dave suffered through near freezing temps for half his ride.

On day 2 we motored on to Truth or Consequences NM. The roads were better than the previous day, but still nothing worthy of videoing. The evening in TorC found us each buying beer by the 36 oz pitcher,

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BILL LUCE



but the restaurant wouldn't serve us after 3 each.

Day 3 was full of glorious riding. It started on NM152. If you haven't ridden this road, put it on your list. Going west it's uphill, but we had even more fun on the return trip going downhill. We headed up toward the Gila Cliff Dwellings. Our route included NM35 and NM15. On the way out, we decided to pass on the ride up to the actual cliff dwellings due to a line of RV's we would be following with no good opportunities to pass on the 30 miles to the park. We figured we'd have another chance on the return trip.

The last stretch of the day was the infamous **"Devil's Highway" or AZ191** as it is known on maps. It's 125 miles of twists and turns, going uphill from Morenci (5000 ft) to Alpine (8000 ft) and you get up to about 9500 ft along the way. Morenci is home of the worlds largest operating copper mine and there is a good scenic pullout to get photos and take it all in. We ended in Springerville AZ for the night.

Day 4 dawned and we headed further west toward but not all the way to Phoenix. AZ60 got good as it approached the Salt River bridge (about 40 miles short of Globe AZ), but we had a bunch of bicyclists to deal with and some of them used the entire lane prohibiting passing without using the oncoming lane.

On the Return to Springerville, we rode AZ273 and AZ261 just outside of Springerville off of AZ260. Those two roads are only about 30 miles total, but were scenic and enjoyable.



On day 5 we left Springerville and took AZ180 south, before repeating the NM15 ride toward the Cliff Dwellings. This time we went all the way to the park, it's about 30 miles each way, but the road is really fun; extremely twisty and hilly. Back on NM35, beware of a dip that almost sent Dave airborne. Going the speed limit the dip causes no issues, but we were going about double the 30 mph posted limit. Back on **NM152**, this time we were going mostly down hill, which required a lot of gear shifting and hard braking and caused significant hand strain. We overnighted in Las Cruces NM.

Day 6 started with a plan to ride back to Muleshoe TX for the night, but expected bad weather in DFW area and southern CO the following day caused us to alter our plan and head straight

home. Dave headed north and the rest of us headed east. Mike and I made it all the way home, about 650 miles. Dave made it home to CO after about 500 miles. Jon stopped in Abilene, after 500 miles, and dealt with the rain the following day.

Overall it was a good trip. Search YouTube for "2019 Adhoc NM & AZ" to watch my video of the ride..

Adhoc NM/AZ Motorcycle Trip 2019

Day 1- Each ride to Muleshoe, TX (2 May) <Red Star>
Day 2- Ride to Truth or Consequences, NM (3 May)
Day 3- Ride Devil's Highway to Springerville, AZ (4 May)
Day 4- Ride west and back to Springerville (5 May)
Day 5- Ride South on 180 to Las Cruces, NM (6 May)
Day 6- Ride back to respective homes (8 May)
2500 total miles

Participants:

Bill Luce- BMW R1200GSA
Dave Calligan- BMW R1200GSA
Mike Welch- BMW F800GT
Jon Davis- Triumph Bonneville 1200





Boat house dining at "Cool Your Rocks" cookout on White Rock Lake



Blast from the past...
Neal in New Brunswick



Bill McGannon
joins the RT Ranks



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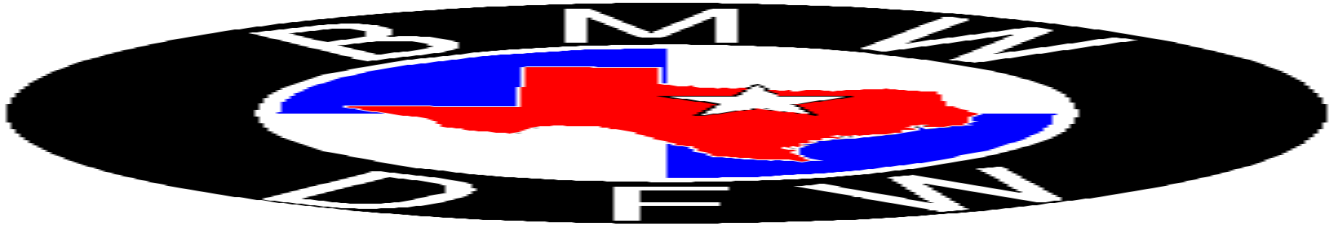


Slisz In Big Bend



Ronnie Weinzaphel helps Tim Wise
cross The Devil's River





2019 PREMIER CLUB RIDES

All the details for each of the Club Events are available by going to the Event Calendar [Click here](#)

April 6-7; Mena, AR. “Roads of Spring”

**May 10-12, Fri-Sun; Natchitoches, LA. “Thank God It’s Spring” -
Natchitoches Jazz Festival & Crawfish Fest****

Sept TBD, Farewell to Summer Tour

**Oct 24-27, Thu-Sun; Eureka Springs, AR.
BMWDFW Annual “Fall Color Tour”**

**** No Club Hotel Room Block
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RECURRING CLUB ACTIVITIES DETAIL

BMWDFW Club Forum

Our members’ forum is at the BMWDFW Yahoo Group. [Click here to join](#)

CLUB MEETING, 7:30 PM, 2nd Tuesday, MONTHLY, except December

Spring Creek BBQ, 1509 Airport Freeway, Bedford, TX. Located on the westbound access road of Airport Freeway at the corner of Forest Ridge Drive in Bedford. Dinner and social begins 6:30 pm.

CLUB BREAKFAST / RIDE, 2nd Sunday, MONTHLY

AM/10 AM, Mary’s Brazos Café, Tin Top, 15 mi south of Weatherford, Texas. A ride follows, weather permitting.

CLUB BREAKFAST, Saturday, 7:30 AM/8:45 AM

WEEKLY. Original Pancake House in Grapevine, 1505 William D Tate Avenue, Grapevine, TX 76051, (817) 421-3444.

AD HOC RIDES

These will be announced as they come up on the Members Forum at Yahoo Groups. [Click here to join](#)

2019 UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

For future and most current updated Event information, go to the Club Event Calendar [Click here](#)



VINCE BRECKNER

BMWDFW Cool Your Rocks Redux Annual Picnic

June 1 @ 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

White Rock Boat Club, 340 E. Lawther Drive
Dallas, TX, TX United

Please redo your RSVP for this Event! See flyer 2019 0601 WRBC Cool Your Rocks v2 Join us at the White Rock Boat Club on White Rock Lake in Dallas from 6pm to 10pm for free hamburgers, hot dogs, soft drinks and music. This is our annual picnic and a family affair. Bring your spouse or significant other and spend time with your fellow BMWDFW members. Please RSVP by May 30 so we have an accurate headcount for the food. ...

Find out more [Click here](#)

Lunch @ Ketzler's Schnitzel Haus und Biergarten in Granbury

June 2 @ 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Ketzler's Schnitzel Haus und Biergarten Granbury, TX

If a meal between breakfast and lunch is called "brunch", what do you call the meal between lunch and dinner? Linner? Dunch? Dunch sounds kinda German so let's use that. Rick and Margie found a new German restaurant on the square in Granbury. Putting our heads together, we thought before it gets too awfully hot this might be a good spot for a Sunday Dunch run. So... Sunday June 2nd - 1:30pm Late Lunch @ Ketzler's Schnitzel Haus und...

Find out more [Click here](#)

BMW MOA International Rally Ride

June 11 @ 8:00 am - June 17 @ 5:00 pm

Lebanon, TN, 945 E Baddour Pkwy
Lebanon, TN 37087 United States

2019 BMW MOA International Rally For 2019, the BMW MOA has moved the annual International Rally from last year's flat lands of Iowa to the lush hills of Tennessee. HQ out of Lebanon TN, just a little east of Nashville, this rally is going to be hugely popular and will fill up fast. You need to get your rooms now! We've put together a 7 day ride to the Lebanon rally that takes in some of the beautiful riding areas...

Find out more [click here](#)

BMW MOA National Rally

June 13 - June 16

Lebanon, TN, 945 E Baddour Pkwy
Lebanon, TN 37087 United States

The 2019 MOA Rally will be held in Lebanon, Tennessee, at the James E. Ward Agricultural and Community Center/ Wilson County Exposition Center in 2019. Details for the 2019 Rally are not yet available, but will be added as they are determined. Click here and go to the Rally tab for all the information. The riding in Eastern Tennessee is epic and this rally is bound to attract a larger attendance. Anticipating that, our Tourmeister has already booked a room at...

Find out more [click here](#)

Listed below are select other events that are not club sponsored but may interest our members. These may not be listed on the Club's website calendar.

OTHER NOTABLE EVENTS DETAIL

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Jun 1, Sat; Graham, TX. 5th Annual Food Truck Championship

Talk about fun! This is the 5th Annual Food Truck Championship of Texas event which runs from 11am to 7pm, or later if you want to attend the concert. [Click here](#) for all the information. This is a free admission event and they will have live bands and art displays from Texas artists and artisans in addition to the Food Trucks. There will be limited seating, so bring a lawn chair if you're going to hang out.

Jun 17, Monday; Annual Ride to Work Day

[Click here](#) for all the information.

Jun 27-30; Thu-Sun; Plain, WA. Tourtech Rally - West

The Touratech Rally is in the mountain town of Plain, WA. This has become the largest gathering of adventure motorcycle enthusiasts on the West Coast. The rally will be held in conjunction with the Washington Overland Rally and will include camping, classes, GPS tracks, group rides and entertaining guest speakers. [Click here](#) for all the information.

Jul 5-7, Fri-Sun; Lexington, OH. 2019 AMA Vintage Motorcycle Days

This event is held at the Lexington, Ohio Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course in Lexington, Ohio. It is "...America's largest motorcycle swap meet, national championship vintage racing in numerous disciplines...". [Click here](#) for more information.

Jul 18-21, Thu-Sun; Paonia, CO. Top O' The Rockies Rally

Yes, this is the one you're always hearing about. [Click here](#) for more information

Aug 4, Sat; Lakewood, CO. BMWGCC 100,000 Foot Ride

This ride is structured to take you over enough mountain passes to total over 100,000 feet in a single day. This achievement is not attainable anywhere else in North America and perhaps the world. The 100,000 Foot Ride (TM) provides the participant with the best of Colorado scenery and a broad selection of some of the best motorcycle roads the state has to offer. Registration is required. Get all the info [here](#).

Aug 8-11, Thu-Sun; Grandjean, ID. Stanley Stomp Rally

Located about 27 miles northeast of Lowman, Grandjean is a beautiful setting for the Stomp! [Click here](#) for more information.

Sep 06-08, Fri-Sun; Sipapu, NM. Bavarian Mountain Rally

The Land of Enchantment BMW Riders has hosted this September event for nearly three decades at the Sipapu Ski Area in the heart of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains. [Click here](#) for all the details and registration information.

Sep 26-29, Thu-Sun; Jefferson, TX. NTNOA Lake of the Pines Rallye

The rallye draws over 300 people displaying over 150 of the finest vintage motorcycles anywhere in the country. Now held at Diamond Dave's about a mile outside of Jefferson, TX. This is the one everyone who is anyone goes too! [Click here](#) for all the information.

Sep 27-28, Fri-Sat; Talihina, OK. Oklahoma BMW Rally

Come join the Central Oklahoma BMW Road Riders for this multi-club camp out in southeast Oklahoma! There's no cost and make your own campsite reservations. [Click here](#) for all the information.

Sep 29, Sat; Dallas, TX. Distinguished Gentleman's Ride

Actually, a world-wide event for classic bikes and riding in tweed. Dallas is one of the world-wide sites for classic bikes and the dapper rider. Intrigued? [Click here](#) for registration and to get all the information.

Oct 11-13, Fri-Sun; Kerrville, TX. Lone Star Riders' Annual Texas Gathering

This is the 31st Anniversary of the Texas Gathering in Kerrville and Hill Country riding. We always have a lot of our friends show up for the Texas Gathering from the Dallas & Houston areas as well as Corpus Christi, San Antonio and even from the great states of Colorado, Kansas, and maybe even Wisconsin. Details are still under work but [Click here](#) and scroll down to the link for Texas Gathering. It will have the registration information and event information when the link is finalized.



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